

BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 1 DOCKETED WILLIAM A. MUNDELL Chairman AUG 3 0 2001 3 JIM IRVIN Commissioner MARC SPITZER DOCKETED BY Commissioner 5 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION DOCKET NO. T-01051B-01-0585 OF OWEST CORPORATION F/K/A U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL DECISION NO. 63975 OF THE SINGLE POINT OF PRESENCE AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH **ORDER** NETWORK SERVICES, L.L.C. Open Meeting August 28 and 29, 2001 Phoenix, Arizona 12 BY THE COMMISSION: 13

FINDINGS OF FACT

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- 1. On July 24, 2001, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc., filed an Application for approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection between Qwest and Network Services, Inc. ("Network Services"). The original Interconnection Agreement was approved by the Commission on June 30, 2000, in Decision No. 62707.
- 2. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("1996 Act") directed incumbent local exchange carriers to make their networks available for interconnection and resale by new entrants to the local exchange market. The 1996 Act provides for interconnection and resale agreements to be concluded by voluntary negotiation.
- This Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and Network 3. Services was voluntarily negotiated, without resort to arbitration.
- Under the terms of this Amendment, terms and conditions for Single Point of 4. Presence are added to the Interconnection Agreement.
- According to the 1996 Act and Commission Rule, the Commission must approve 5. voluntarily negotiated Interconnection and Resale agreements, if their provisions are nondiscriminatory and in the public interest.

6. Staff has reviewed the Amendment and finds it to be non-discriminatory and in the public interest. Qwest is offering the same terms and conditions of the Agreement to all other interested parties. The Agreement is in the public interest because it will act to further competition in the local exchange market in Arizona.

7. Since there are no grounds for rejection of the Amendment pursuant to Section 252(e)(2)(A) of the 1996 Act, Staff has recommended that the Commission approve the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and Network Services.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Qwest is an Arizona public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV, Section 2, of the Arizona Constitution.
- 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Network Services and over the subject matter of the Application.
- 3. The Commission, having reviewed the Application and Staff's Memorandum has determined that the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement negotiated between Qwest and Network Services meets the requirements of Section 252(e)(2)(A) of the 1996 Act which governs the approval of voluntarily-negotiated agreements and is in the public interest.
- 4. The Commission maintains jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Agreement and Amendments thereof, to the extent permitted pursuant to the powers granted the Commission by the Arizona Constitution, Statutes, Commission Rule, and the 1996 Act and the Rules promulgated thereunder.

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 DISSENT:

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ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Commission hereby approves the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and Network Services filed on July 24, 2001.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

COMMISSIONER

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, BRIAN C. McNEIL, Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this 2001.

BRIAN C. MCNEII

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